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SUBJECT: CABINET RESHUFFLE IN IVORY COAST: SOME STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: THE IVORY COAST CABINET RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED MARCH 4
SAW FIVE MINISTERS LEAVING GOVERNMENT AND SEVEN NEW ONES
ENTERING. SIZE OF CABINET INCREASED FROM 34 TO 36 INCLUDING
FIRST WOMAN MINISTER. THIS CABLE ENUMERATES THE CHANGES
MADE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT (LIST CONTAINED IN TOTO REFTEL).
CLASSIFIED SEPTEL COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE CHANGES.
END SUMMARY

1. MINISTERS LEAVING GOVERNMENT (FIVE):

A. JOSEPH TADJO EHOUE, MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE

B. BLAISE N'DIA KOFFI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM

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C. HIPPOLYTE AYE, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION

D. GERMAIN COFFI GADEAU, MINISTER OF STATE
E. SOULEYMANE CISSOKO, MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

2. NEW MINISTERS NAMED(SEVEN):

A. JEAN BAPTISTE MOCKEY, MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC
HEALTH AND POPULATION
B. EMILE KEI BOGUNARD, MINISTER OF CIVIL SERVICE
C. MADE JEA
VNE GERVAIS, MINISTER OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
D. IBRAHIMA KONE, MINISTER OF TOURISM
E. ALPHONSE YAO KOUMAN, MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE
F. EMILE BROU, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS
G. FRANCOIS DACOURY TABLEY, MINISTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE

3. MNEW MINISTERIES. TWO NEW MINISTERIES WERE CREATED(BRINGING
THE TOTAL IN THE CABINET FROM 34 TO 36), AS FOLLOWS:

A. MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (BROKEN AWAY FROM THE FORMER
MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE)
B. MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS(NEW MINISTRY ENTIRELY)

4. NAME CHANGES. THREE MINISTERIES UNDERWENT NAME CHANGES AND
WERE UPGRADED IN DESIGNATION, AS FOLLOWS:

A. MINISTRY OF COOPERATION(ABOLISHING THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH
FORMERLY HANDLED COOPERATION)
B. MINISTRY OF INTERNAL SECURITY(ABOLISHING THE SECRETARIAT FOR
INTERIOR UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR)
C. MINISTRY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE(ABOLISHING THE
SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR NATIONAL PARKS)

5. THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF STATE (JUNIOR MINISTER)
WAS ABOLISHED WITH THOSE FORMERLY HOLDING THAT POSITION
UPGRADED TO MINISTER (AND THEIR OFFICES TO MINISTERIES).
THESE INCLUDE:

A. ABDOULAYE KONE, MINISTER OF BUDGET(FORMERLY SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR BUDGET UNDER MINISTRY OF FINANCE)
B. PAUL GUI DIBO, MINISTER FOR MINES
C. KOFFI ATTOBRA, MINISTER OF WOODS AND FORESTS (ATTOBRA
WAS FORMERLY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NATIONAL PARKS, WHICH
OFFICE IS NOW UPGRADED AND REDESIGNATED MINISTRY FOR THE
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PROTECTION OF NATURE UNDER FRANCOIS DACOURY TABLEY)
D. PASCAL DIKEBIE N'GUESSAN, MINISTER FOR ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL TV
E. JULES HIE NEA, MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
F. GASTON OUASSENAN KONE, MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY
(FORMERLY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR UNDER MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR)
G. CLEMENT KAUL MELEDGE, MINISTER OF COOPERATION(FORMERLY

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS)

H. BANGALI KONE, MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
I. LAMINE FADIGA, MINISTER OF THE NAVY AND MERCHANT MARINE.
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